

United States Bankruptcy Court NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS					Voluntary Petition		
Name of Debtor (if individual, enter Last, First, Middle): FREEMAN, DIANA, W.			Name of Joint Debtor (Spouse)(Last, First, Middle):				
All Other Names used by the Debtor in the last 8 years (include married, maiden, and trade names): NONE			All Other Names used by the Joint Debtor in the last 8 years (include married, maiden, and trade names):				
Last four digits of Soc. Sec./Complete EIN or other Tax I.D. No. (if more than one, state all): 6515			Last four digits of Soc. Sec./Complete EIN or other Tax I.D. No. (if more than one, state all):				
Street Address of Debtor (No. & Street, City, and State): 1450 Sandpebble Drive Unit 220 Wheeling Illinois			ZIP CODE 60090		ZIP CODE		
County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business: Cook			County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business:				
Mailing Address of Debtor (if different from street address): SAME			ZIP CODE		ZIP CODE		
Location of Principal Assets of Business Debtor (if different from street address above): NOT APPLICABLE			ZIP CODE		ZIP CODE		
Type of Debtor (Form of organization) (Choose one box.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual (includes Joint Debtors) <i>See Exhibit D on page 2 of this form.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation (includes LLC and LLP) <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Other (if debtor is not one of the above entities, check this box and state type of entity below 			Nature of Business (Choose one box.) <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Business <input type="checkbox"/> Single Asset Real Estate as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101 (51B) <input type="checkbox"/> Railroad <input type="checkbox"/> Stockbroker <input type="checkbox"/> Commodity Broker <input type="checkbox"/> Clearing Bank <input type="checkbox"/> Other Tax-Exempt Entity (Choose box, if applicable.) <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is a tax-exempt organization under Title 26 of the United States Code (the Internal Revenue Code).			Chapter of Bankruptcy Code Under Which the Petition is Filed (Choose one box) <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 12 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chapter 13 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 15 Petition for Recognition of a Foreign Main Proceeding <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 15 Petition for Recognition of a Foreign Nonmain Proceeding Nature of Debts (Choose one box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debts are primarily consumer debts, defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose" <input type="checkbox"/> Debts are primarily business debts. Chapter 11 Debtors: Check one box: <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is a small business as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is not a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor's aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts owed to insiders or affiliates) are less than \$2 million. Check all applicable boxes: <input type="checkbox"/> A plan is being filed with this petition <input type="checkbox"/> Acceptances of the plan were solicited prepetition from one or more classes of creditors, in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1126(b).	
Filing Fee (Choose one box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Filing Fee attached <input type="checkbox"/> Filing Fee to be paid in installments (applicable to individuals only). Must attach signed application for the court's consideration certifying that the debtor is unable to pay fee except in installments. Rule 1006(b). See Official Form 3A. <input type="checkbox"/> Filing Fee waiver requested (Applicable to chapter 7 individuals only). Must attach signed application for the court's consideration. See Official Form 3B.							
Statistical/Administrative Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor estimates that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors. <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor estimates that, after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses paid, there will be no funds available for distribution to unsecured creditors.					THIS SPACE IS FOR COURT USE ONLY		
Estimated Number of Creditors							
Estimated Assets							
Estimated Liabilities							

Voluntary Petition

(This page must be completed and filed in every case)

Name of Debtor(s):

DIANA W. FREEMAN**All Prior Bankruptcy Cases Filed Within Last 8 Years**

(If more than two, attach additional sheet)

Location Where Filed:

Northern District of

Case Number:

03-46895

Date Filed:

11/18/2003

Location Where Filed:

Case Number:

Date Filed:

Pending Bankruptcy Case Filed by any Spouse, Partner or Affiliate of this Debtor

(If more than one, attach additional sheet)

Name of Debtor:

Case Number:

Date Filed:

District:

Relationship:

Judge:

Exhibit A

(To be completed if debtor is required to file periodic reports (e.g., forms 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is requesting relief under Chapter 11)

☐ Exhibit A is attached and made a part of this petition**Exhibit B**

(To be completed if debtor is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts)

I, the attorney for the petitioner named in the foregoing petition, declare that I have informed the petitioner that [he or she] may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12 or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each such chapter. I further certify that I have delivered to the debtor the notice required by 11 U.S.C. §342(b).

X**/s/ Paul M. Bach****5/30/2007**

Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s)

Date

Exhibit C

Does the debtor own or have possession of any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable harm to public health or safety?

- ☐ Yes, and exhibit C is attached and made a part of this petition.
☒ No

Exhibit D

(To be completed by every individual debtor. If a joint petition is filed, each spouse must complete and attach a separate Exhibit D.)

☒ Exhibit D completed and signed by the debtor is attached and made part of this petition.

If this is a joint petition:

☐ Exhibit D also completed and signed by the joint debtor is attached and made a part of this petition.**Information Regarding the Debtor - Venue**

(Check any applicable box)

- ☒ Debtor has been domiciled or has had a residence, principal place of business, or principal assets in this District for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other District.
- ☐ There is a bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership pending in this District.
- ☐ Debtor is a debtor in a foreign proceeding and has its principal place of business or principal assets in the United States in this District, or has no principal place of business or assets in the United States but is a defendant in an action proceeding [in a federal or state court] in this District, or the interests of the parties will be served in regard to the relief sought in this District.

Statement by a Debtor Who Resides as a Tenant of Residential Property

(Check all applicable boxes.)

☐ Landlord has a judgment against the debtor for possession of debtor's residence. (If box checked, complete the following.)_____
(Name of landlord that obtained judgment)_____
(Address of landlord)

☐ Debtor claims that under applicable nonbankruptcy law, there are circumstances under which the debtor would be permitted to cure the entire monetary default that gave rise to the judgment for possession, after the judgment for possession was entered, and

☐ Debtor has included with this petition the deposit with the court of any rent that would become due during the 30-day period after the filing of the petition.

Voluntary Petition <i>(This page must be completed and filed in every case)</i>	Name of Debtor(s): DIANA W. FREEMAN
Signatures	
Signature(s) of Debtor(s) (Individual/Joint) I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct. [If petitioner is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts and has chosen to file under chapter 7] I am aware that I may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, understand the relief available under each such chapter, and choose to proceed under chapter 7. [If no attorney represents me and no bankruptcy petition preparer signs the petition] I have obtained and read the notice required by 11 U.S.C. §342(b) I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition. X /s/ DIANA W. FREEMAN Signature of Debtor X Signature of Joint Debtor Telephone Number (if not represented by attorney) 5/30/2007 Date	Signature of a Foreign Representative I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, that I am the foreign representative of a debtor in a foreign proceeding, and that I am authorized to file this petition. (Check only one box.) <input type="checkbox"/> I request relief in accordance with chapter 15 of title 11, United States Code. Certified copies of the documents required by 11 U.S.C. § 1515 are attached. <input type="checkbox"/> Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1511, I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11 specified in this petition. A certified copy of the order granting recognition of the foreign main proceeding is attached. X (Signature of Foreign Representative) (Printed name of Foreign Representative) 5/30/2007 (Date)
Signature of Attorney X /s/ Paul M. Bach Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s) Paul M. Bach 06209530 Printed Name of Attorney for Debtor(s) Law Firm of Paul M. Bach Firm Name 1955 Shermer Road, Unit 150 Address Northbrook IL 60062 847-564-0808 Telephone Number 5/30/2007 Date	Signature of Non-Attorney Bankruptcy Petition Preparer I declare under penalty of perjury that: (1) I am a bankruptcy petition preparer as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 110; (2) I prepared this document for compensation and have provided the debtor with a copy of this document and the notices and information required under 11 U.S.C. §§ 110(b), 110(h), and 342(b); and, (3) if rules or guidelines have been promulgated pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 110(h) setting a maximum fee for services chargeable by bankruptcy petition preparers, I have given the debtor notice of the maximum amount before preparing any document for filing for a debtor or accepting any fee from the debtor, as required in that section. Official Form 19B is attached. _____ Printed Name and title, if any, of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer _____ Social Security number (If the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual, state the Social Security number of the officer, principal, responsible person or partner of the bankruptcy petition preparer.) (Required by 11 U.S.C. § 110.) _____ Address _____ X _____ Date Signature of bankruptcy petition preparer or officer, principal, responsible person, or partner whose Social Security number is provided above. Names and Social Security numbers of all other individuals who prepared or assisted in preparing this document unless the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual. If more than one person prepared this document, attach additional sheets conforming to the appropriate official form for each person. <i>A bankruptcy petition preparer's failure to comply with the provisions of title 11 and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure may result in fines or imprisonment or both. 11 U.S.C. § 110; 18 U.S.C. § 156.</i>
Signature of Debtor (Corporation/Partnership) I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, and that I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor. The debtor requests the relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition. X Signature of Authorized Individual _____ Printed Name of Authorized Individual _____ Title of Authorized Individual 5/30/2007 Date	

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

In re **DIANA W. FREEMAN**

Case No.
Chapter **13**

Debtor(s)

**EXHIBIT D - INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR'S STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH
CREDIT COUNSELING REQUIREMENT**

WARNING: You must be able to check truthfully one of the five statements regarding credit counseling listed below. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file a bankruptcy case, and the court can dismiss any case you do file. If that happens, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors will be able to resume collection activities against you. If your case is dismissed and you file another bankruptcy case later, you may be required to pay a second filing fee and you may have to take extra steps to stop creditors' collection activities.

Every individual debtor must file this Exhibit D. If a joint petition is filed, each spouse must complete and file a separate Exhibit D. Check one of the five statements below and attach any documents as directed.

☒ 1. Within the 180 days **before the filing of my bankruptcy case**, I received a briefing from a credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator that outlined the opportunities for available credit counseling and assisted me in performing a related budget analysis, and I have a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to me. *Attach a copy of the certificate and a copy of any debt repayment plan developed through the agency.*

☐ 2. Within the 180 days **before the filing of my bankruptcy case**, I received a briefing from a credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator that outlined the opportunities for available credit counseling and assisted me in performing a related budget analysis, but I do not have a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to me. *You must file a copy of a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to you and a copy of any debt repayment plan developed through the agency no later than 15 days after your bankruptcy case is filed.*

☐ 3. I certify that I requested credit counseling services from an approved agency but was unable to obtain the services during the five days from the time I made my request, and the following exigent circumstances merit a temporary waiver of the credit counseling requirement so I can file my bankruptcy case now. *[Must be accompanied by a motion for determination by the court.] [Summarize exigent circumstances here.]*

If the court is satisfied with the reasons stated in your motion, it will send you an order approving your request. You must still obtain the credit counseling briefing within the first 30 days after you file your bankruptcy case and promptly file a certificate from the agency that provided the briefing, together with a copy of any debt management plan developed through the agency. Any extension of the 30-day deadline can be granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days. A motion for extension must be filed within the 30-day period. Failure to fulfill these requirements may result in dismissal of your case. If the court is not satisfied with your reasons for filing your bankruptcy case without first receiving a credit counseling briefing, your case may be dismissed.

- ☐ 4. I am not required to receive a credit counseling briefing because of: *[Check the applicable statement]*
[Must be accompanied by a motion for determination by the court.]
- ☐ Incapacity. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109 (h)(4) as impaired by reason of mental illness or mental deficiency so as to be incapable of realizing and making rational decisions with respect to financial responsibilities.);
- ☐ Disability. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109 (h)(4) as physically impaired to the extent of being unable, after reasonable effort, to participate in a credit counseling briefing in person, by telephone, or through the Internet.);
- ☐ Active military duty in a military combat zone.
- ☐ 5. The United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator has determined that the credit counseling requirement of 11 U.S.C. § 109(h) does not apply in this district.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true and correct.

Signature of Debtor: /s/ DIANA W. FREEMAN

Date: 5/30/2007

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

In re **DIANA W. FREEMAN**

Case No.
Chapter 13

_____/ Debtor
Attorney for Debtor: **Paul M. Bach**

STATEMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 2016(B)

The undersigned, pursuant to Rule 2016(b), Bankruptcy Rules, states that:

1. The undersigned is the attorney for the debtor(s) in this case.
2. The compensation paid or agreed to be paid by the debtor(s), to the undersigned is:
 - a) For legal services rendered or to be rendered in contemplation of and in connection with this case \$ 3,500.00
 - b) Prior to the filing of this statement, debtor(s) have paid \$ 0.00
 - c) The unpaid balance due and payable is \$ 3,500.00
3. \$ 274.00 of the filing fee in this case has been paid.
4. The Services rendered or to be rendered include the following:
 - a) Analysis of the financial situation, and rendering advice and assistance to the debtor(s) in determining whether to file a petition under title 11 of the United States Code.
 - b) Preparation and filing of the petition, schedules, statement of financial affairs and other documents required by the court.
 - c) Representation of the debtor(s) at the meeting of creditors.
5. The source of payments made by the debtor(s) to the undersigned was from earnings, wages and compensation for services performed, and
None other
6. The source of payments to be made by the debtor(s) to the undersigned for the unpaid balance remaining, if any, will be from earnings, wages and compensation for services performed, and
None other
7. The undersigned has received no transfer, assignment or pledge of property from debtor(s) except the following for the value stated:
None
8. The undersigned has not shared or agreed to share with any other entity, other than with members of undersigned's law firm, any compensation paid or to be paid except as follows:
None

Dated: **5/30/2007**

Respectfully submitted,

X /s/ Paul M. Bach
Attorney for Petitioner: **Paul M. Bach**
Law Firm of Paul M. Bach
1955 Shermer Road, Unit 150
Northbrook IL 60062

ACA Recovery
76 N. Maple Avenue
Suite 141
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

Allied Interstate
P.O. Box 361445
Columbus , Ohio 43236

Charter One
1215 Superior Avenue
Cleveland , Ohio 44114

Charter One
C/O Kimberly J. Weisman
633 Skokie Blvd #400
Northbrook, IL 60062

Chase
P.O. Box 52195
Phoenix , AZ 85072-2195

Credit Collection Svcs.
Two Wells Inc.
Newton , MA 02459

Discover Card
P.O. Box 30395
Salt Lake City, Uta1 84130-0395

First Premier Bank
P.O. Box 5519
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57117-5519

DIANA W. FREEMAN
1450 Sandpebble Drive
Unit 220
Wheeling, Illinois 60090

GMAC
P.O. Box 217060
Auburn Hills, Michigan 48321-7060

Golf States
5022 Parkway
Jacksonville, Florida 32256

Heller & Frisone Ltd.
33 N. LaSalle St.
Suite 1200
Chicago, IL 60602

J. C. Penney
P.O. Box 981131
El Paso, TX 79998

Kohls
P.O. Box 2983
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201-2983

National Financial Corp.
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6110 Executive Blvd.
Suite 305
Rockville, MD 20852

NCB Management Svcs.
P.O. Box 1099
Longhorne, PA 19047

Paul M. Bach
1955 Shermer Road, Unit 150
Northbrook, IL 60062

Shapiro and Kreisman
4201 Lake Cook Road
Northbrook, Illinois 60062

Target Stores
P.O. Box 198988
Nashville, TN 37219-899

Universal Fidelity Corp.
P.O. Box 941911
Houston , TX 77094-8911

**NOTICE TO CONSUMER DEBTORS
ON INFORMATION REQUIRED IN BANKRUPTCY CASES
(Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. 527(a)(2))**

The bankruptcy code requires you to provide complete and accurate information about your debts, property and financial affairs. We take this requirement very seriously. We want you to understand these requirements clearly.

- (A) All information that you are required to provide with a bankruptcy petition and thereafter during your bankruptcy case is required to be complete, accurate and truthful.
- (B) In the documents you have me file with the court to commence your bankruptcy case and thereafter, you must completely and accurately disclose all your assets and all of your liabilities. You must provide the replacement value without deducting the costs of sale or marketing as of the date you file of each item of personal property (property other than real estate) that is subject to a lien or security interest. You must make a reasonable inquiry to establish this value. If you acquired the property primarily for personal, family or household purposes, "replacement value" means the price a retail merchant would charge for an item of that kind given the age and condition of the item at the time you file.
- (C) You must accurately provide after reasonable inquiry, your current monthly income, the amounts specified in 11 U.S.C. § 707(b)(2) and in a case under Chapter 13, disposable income (determined in accordance with § 707 (b)(2)).
- (D) Information you provide during your case may be audited pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code. Failure to provide accurate information may result in dismissal of your case or other sanction including a criminal sanction.

I have received a copy of this notice

Signature of Assisted Person

Date

Address

Printed Name of Assisted Person

City, State, Zip

Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT BANKRUPTCY ASSISTANCE
SERVICES FROM AN ATTORNEY OR BANKRUPTCY PETITION PREPARER
(Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 527(b))**

If you decide to seek bankruptcy relief, you can represent yourself, you can hire an attorney to represent you, or you can get help in some localities from a bankruptcy petition preparer who is not an attorney. THE LAW REQUIRES AN ATTORNEY OR BANKRUPTCY PETITION PREPARER TO GIVE YOU A WRITTEN CONTRACT SPECIFYING WHAT THE ATTORNEY OR BANKRUPTCY PETITION PREPARER WILL DO FOR YOU AND HOW MUCH IT WILL COST. Ask to see the contract before you hire anyone.

The following information helps you understand what must be done in a routine bankruptcy case to help you evaluate how much service you need. Although bankruptcy can be complex, many cases are routine.

Before filing a bankruptcy case, either you or your attorney should analyze your eligibility for different forms of debt relief available under the Bankruptcy Code and which form of relief is most likely to be beneficial for you. Be sure you understand the relief you can obtain and its limitations. To file a bankruptcy case, documents called a Petition, Schedules and Statement of Financial Affairs, as well as in some cases a Statement of Intention need to be prepared correctly and filed with the bankruptcy court. You will have to pay a filing fee to the bankruptcy court. Once your case starts, you will have to attend the required first meeting of creditors where you may be questioned by a court official called a "trustee" and by creditors.

If you choose to file a Chapter 7 case, you may be asked by a creditor to reaffirm a debt. You may want help deciding whether to do so. A creditor is not permitted to coerce you into reaffirming your debts.

If you choose to file a Chapter 13 case in which you repay your creditors what you can afford over three (3) to five (5) years, you may also want help with preparing your Chapter 13 plan and with the confirmation hearing on your plan, which will be before a bankruptcy judge.

If you select another type of relief under the Bankruptcy Code other than Chapter 7 or Chapter 13, you will want to find out what should be done from someone familiar with that type of relief.

Your bankruptcy case may also involve litigation. You are generally permitted to represent yourself in litigation in bankruptcy court, but only attorneys, not bankruptcy petition preparers, can give you legal advice.

I have received a copy of this notice

Signature of Assisted Person

Date

Address

Printed Name of Assisted Person

City, State, Zip

Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number

**NOTICE TO ASSISTED PERSON ON
HOW TO PROVIDE ALL THE INFORMATION REQUIRED
UNDER THE BANKRUPTCY CODE PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 521
(Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 527(c))**

A. Assets and Income.

1. Valuation:

Examples of how to value assets at replacement value include:

- a. Vehicles
 - Nadaguides.com retail value.
 - Written replacement value from a dealer or insurance agent.
 - Newspaper advertisements.
 - Tax records (online or request copy from tax assessor)
- b. Real Estate
 - Obtain a realtor to provide you with a written value.
 - Obtain the recent appraisal of your home. If you purchased your home recently, your lender may have a copy.
 - Check the MLS listings.
 - Use your best estimate based upon your purchase price.
 - Improvements, amount you would accept to sell your home.
 - Online tax records or request copy from tax assessor.
- c. Personal property
 - Think of what you would pay to replace the item with an exact match.
 - Online tax records or request copy from tax assessor.
 - Insurance policies may contain replacement value.

2. Current monthly income

- a. Means the average monthly income from all sources that the debtor receives (or in a joint case the debtor and the debtor's spouse receive) without regard to whether such income is taxable income, derived during the six-month period ending on:
 - (i) the last day of the calendar month immediately preceding the date of the commencement of the case if the debtor files the schedule of current income required by § 521(a)(1)(B)(ii); or

- (ii) the date on which current income is determined by the court for purposes of this title if the debtor does not file the schedule of current income required by § 521(a)(1)(B)(ii); and
 - (iii) includes any amount paid by any entity other than the debtor (or in a joint case the debtor and the debtor's spouse), on a regular basis for the household expenses of the debtor or the debtor's dependents (and in a joint case the debtor's spouse if not otherwise a dependent), but excludes benefits received under the Social Security Act, payments to victims of international terrorism (as defined in § 2331 of title 18) on account of their status as victims of such terrorism.
 - b. Provide a copy of your last six-month's income.
 - c. Provide proof of alimony or child support.
 - d. Provide proof of other financial assistance.
 - e. Provide all information correctly and completely as requested on your Debtor Questionnaire and answer our follow up questions completely, accurately and timely.
3. Complete lists of creditors
- Provide copies of the previous two pieces of correspondence you have received from each creditor.
4. Exempt property
- We will attempt to determine the extent of your available exemptions.

I have received a copy of this notice

Signature of Assisted Person

Date

Address

Printed Name of Assisted Person

City, State, Zip

Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

**NOTICE TO INDIVIDUAL CONSUMER DEBTOR UNDER § 342(b)
OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE**

In accordance with § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, this notice: (1) Describes briefly the services available from credit counseling services; (2) Describes briefly the purposes, benefits and costs of the four types of bankruptcy proceedings you may commence; and (3) Informs you about bankruptcy crimes and notifies you that the Attorney General may examine all information you supply in connection with a bankruptcy case. You are cautioned that bankruptcy law is complicated and not easily described. Thus, you may wish to seek the advice of an attorney to learn of your rights and responsibilities should you decide to file a petition. Court employees cannot give you legal advice.

1. Services Available from Credit Counseling Agencies

With limited exceptions, § 109(h) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that all individual debtors who file for bankruptcy relief on or after October 17, 2005, receive a briefing that outlines the available opportunities for credit counseling and provides assistance in performing a budget analysis. The briefing must be given within 180 days before the bankruptcy filing. The briefing may be provided individually or in a group (including briefings conducted by telephone or on the Internet) and must be provided by a nonprofit budget and credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator. The clerk of the bankruptcy court has a list that you may consult of the approved budget and credit counseling agencies.

In addition, after filing a bankruptcy case, an individual debtor generally must complete a financial management instructional course before he or she can receive a discharge. The clerk also has a list of approved financial management instructional courses.

2. The Four Chapters of the Bankruptcy Code Available to Individual Consumer Debtors

Chapter 7: Liquidation (\$245 filing fee, \$39 administrative fee, \$15 trustee surcharge: Total fee \$299)

1. Chapter 7 is designed for debtors in financial difficulty who do not have the ability to pay their existing debts. Debtors whose debts are primarily consumer debts are subject to a “means test” designed to determine whether the case should be permitted to proceed under chapter 7. If your income is greater than the median income for your state of residence and family size, in some cases, creditors have the right to file a motion requesting that the court dismiss your case under § 707(b) of the Code. It is up to the court to decide whether the case should be dismissed.

2. Under chapter 7, you may claim certain of your property as exempt under governing law. A trustee may have the right to take possession of and sell the remaining property that is not exempt and use the sale proceeds to pay your creditors.

3. The purpose of filing a chapter 7 case is to obtain a discharge of your existing debts. If, however, you are found to have committed certain kinds of improper conduct described in the Bankruptcy Code, the court may deny your discharge and, if it does, the purpose for which you filed the bankruptcy petition will be defeated.

4. Even if you receive a general discharge, some particular debts are not discharged under the law. Therefore, you may still be responsible for most taxes and student loans; debts incurred to pay nondischargeable taxes; domestic support and property settlement obligations; most fines, penalties, forfeitures, and criminal restitution obligations; certain debts which are not properly listed in your bankruptcy papers; and debts for death or personal injury caused by operating a motor vehicle, vessel, or aircraft while intoxicated from alcohol or drugs. Also, if a creditor can prove that a debt arose from fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, or theft, or from a willful and malicious injury, the bankruptcy court may determine that the debt is not discharged.

Chapter 13: Repayment of All or Part of the Debts of an Individual with Regular Income (\$235 filing fee, \$39 administrative fee: Total fee \$274)

1. Chapter 13 is designed for individuals with regular income who would like to pay all or part of their debts in installments over a period of time. You are only eligible for chapter 13 if your debts do not exceed certain dollar amounts set forth in the Bankruptcy Code.

2. Under chapter 13, you must file with the court a plan to repay your creditors all or part of the money that

you owe them, using your future earnings. The period allowed by the court to repay your debts may be three years or five years, depending upon your income and other factors. The court must approve your plan before it can take effect.

3. After completing the payments under your plan, your debts are generally discharged except for domestic support obligations; most student loans; certain taxes; most criminal fines and restitution obligations; certain debts which are not properly listed in your bankruptcy papers; certain debts for acts that caused death or personal injury; and certain long term secured obligations.

Chapter 11: Reorganization (\$1000 filing fee, \$39 administrative fee: Total fee \$1039)

Chapter 11 is designed for the reorganization of a business but is also available to consumer debtors. Its provisions are quite complicated, and any decision by an individual to file a chapter 11 petition should be reviewed with an attorney.

Chapter 12: Family Farmer or Fisherman (\$200 filing fee, \$39 administrative fee: Total fee \$239)

Chapter 12 is designed to permit family farmers and fishermen to repay their debts over a period of time from future earnings and is similar to chapter 13. The eligibility requirements are restrictive, limiting its use to those whose income arises primarily from a family-owned farm or commercial fishing operation.

3. Bankruptcy Crimes and Availability of Bankruptcy Papers to Law Enforcement Officials

A person who knowingly and fraudulently conceals assets or makes a false oath or statement under penalty of perjury, either orally or in writing, in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to a fine, imprisonment, or both. All information supplied by a debtor in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to examination by the Attorney General acting through the Office of the United States Trustee, the Office of the United States Attorney, and other components and employees of the Department of Justice.

WARNING: Section 521(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that you promptly file detailed information regarding your creditors, assets, liabilities, income, expenses and general financial condition. Your bankruptcy case may be dismissed if this information is not filed with the court within the time deadlines set by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the local rules of the court.

Certificate of Attorney

I hereby certify that I delivered to the debtor this notice required by § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Printed Name of Attorney
Address:

Date

X _____
Signature of Attorney

Certificate of the Debtor

I (We), the debtor(s), affirm that I (we) have received and read this notice.

Printed Name(s) of Debtor(s)

X _____
Signature of Debtor Date

Case No. (if known) _____

X _____
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